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Upcoming Holidays:

Memorial Day - Monday, May 31 - State Offices, the ColoradoPAR Program, DentaQuest and Gainwell Technologies will be closed.

The receipt of warrants and EFTs may potentially be delayed due to the processing at the United State Postal Service or providers' individual banks.



Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) COVID-19 Care and Vaccine Access Fact Sheets

In response to concerns of access barriers some immigrants are facing regarding documentation requests prior to receiving COVID-19 vaccination, and individuals inappropriately being sent bills for COVID-19 vaccine fees.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) developed two fact sheets to help both patients and providers better understand their rights and responsibilities regarding access to COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 vaccines are free to all individuals living in the U.S. and these resources will help to empower patients and educate providers on this fact.

Fact Sheets

- Patient Fact Sheet (English | Spanish)
- Provider Fact Sheet (English | Spanish)

Updated Information: COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Bamlanivimab

On April 16, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revoked the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the investigational monoclonal antibody COVID-19 therapy bamlanivimab, when administered alone. Additional information regarding the revoked EUA can be found in the FDA issued Bulletin.

Due to the EUA being revoked, Health First Colorado will no longer pay for claims when billed for M0239. Effective April 16, 2021, all claims billed for M0239 and Q0239 will be denied.

Alternative monoclonal antibody therapies remain available under the EUA, including <u>REGEN-COV</u> (<u>casirivimab and imdevimab</u>, administered together), and <u>bamlanivimab and etesevimab</u>, administered together, for the same uses as previously authorized for bamlanivimab alone.

Contact <u>HCPF_PAD@state.co.us</u> with questions or concerns.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccine Resources to Support Vulnerable Populations

Many groups such as older adults and people with disabilities may have substantial challenges accessing COVID-19 vaccination services and warrant specific considerations to support equitable vaccine access. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have provided guidance, tools and toolkits and other COVID-19 vaccine resources to support vulnerable populations who are a higher risk, to help them make decisions, protect their health and communicate with their communities.

<u>Toolkit for People with Disabilities</u> - The CDC has created a <u>toolkit</u> to help people with disabilities and those who serve or care for them make decisions, protect their health, and communicate with their communities. This toolkit has several resources including:

- <u>Guidance for Vaccinating Older Adults and People with Disabilities: Ensuring Equitable COVID-19 Vaccine Access</u> This document summarizes what jurisdictions should consider when planning to vaccinate older adults and people with disabilities living in the community.
- <u>Vaccine Considerations for People with Disabilities</u>- This webpage provides information for people with disabilities or conditions and for their care providers.
- <u>Guidance for Direct Service Providers for People with Disabilities</u>-This webpage provides information for direct service providers who provide a wide variety of home and communitybased, health-related services that support people with disabilities.

<u>Vaccinating Homebound Persons With COVID-19 Vaccine</u>- COVID-19 vaccination of homebound persons presents unique challenges to ensure safe and effective vaccination. This webpage provides guidance on management of vaccines and vaccination for persons vaccinated at home or in small group settings.

<u>Toolkit for People Experiencing Homelessness</u>- This webpage provides guidance and tools to help homeless service providers make decisions and protect and communicate with staff and with people who are experiencing homelessness.

<u>COVID-19 Vaccines for Patients in Dialysis Clinics</u>- The federal government is partnering with dialysis organizations, local and state jurisdictions to increase access to <u>COVID-19 vaccines</u> for patients and healthcare personnel in outpatient dialysis clinics. This webpage provides information for dialysis partners and public health jurisdictions to ensure equitable and effective access to COVID-19 vaccines and increase availability of COVID-19 vaccines for patients in dialysis clinics.

Resolved Issues

Resolved 4/20/21 COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Codes Q0245 and M0245 a Covered Benefit for Dialysis Centers

The Department has determined that claims for COVID-19 monoclonal antibody procedure codes Q0245 and M0245 billed by Dialysis Centers are a covered benefit.

Providers may resubmit applicable, previously denied claims with dates of service on or after 2/9/21 the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

For more information on COVID-19 monoclonal antibody infusions billed as Q0245 and M0245, visit the <u>Lilly Neutralizing Antibodies for COVID-19 web page</u>or the <u>Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Of Bamlanivimab and Etesevimab</u>. Providers may contact HCPF PAD@state.co.us with policy questions or concerns.

Issue resolved 4/20/21.

Impacted Provider Types: Clinic-Practitioner (Physicians Services-Clinic), Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Dialysis Centers, Rural Health Clinic (RHC), Indian Health Services (IHS)

Resolved 4/13/21:

Claims for COVID-19 Vaccine Codes Billed with Place of Service 50 and 72 Denying for Explanation of Benefits (EOB) 0182 or 1030

COVID-19 vaccine claims for the following procedure codes billed with place service 50 (Federally Qualified Health Center) or 72 (Rural Health Center) were previously denying for EOB - "Billing Provider Type and/or Specialty is not allowable for the service billed." or EOB 1030 - "The place of service code is invalid for procedure code. Correct the place of service code."

- 0001A
- 0002A
- 0011A
- 0012A
- 0031A
- 91300
- 91301
- 91303

It has been determined that COVID-19 vaccines are a covered benefit for these places of service. Claims with dates on or after 12/1/20 were reprocessed on 4/13/21.

Issue resolved 4/12/21.

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